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CREDIT UNION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

A 3-percent dividend on share accounts was declared by the members of the FCA Employees Federal Credit Union at the annual meeting on January 22, 1946. About 50 members attended the meeting.

Net income of the Credit Union before transferring 20% to reserve for bad loans in accordance with statutory requirement, was \$1,472 in 1945 compared with \$1,301 in 1944. The 3-percent dividend will require about \$1,400 of the undivided profits, leaving an undistributed balance of approximately \$200.

The number of members on December 31, 1945, was 478 with share balance totaling \$55,637. About 49 percent of these share balances is invested in U. S. Government bonds, approximately 30 percent in Federal Savings and Loan shares, and about 21 percent in loans to the members.

The officers who will serve during 1946 are Russel M. Castello, president, John P. Markey, vice president, Donald R. Warburton, treasurer, Dorothy M. Dyhrberg, clerk. Other members of the board of directors are Walter Hein, George E. Olson, Frances Young, John E. Muller, and Floyd A. Prentice.

The members of the credit committee are Gardner P. Walker, Jr., Paul L. Rapp, Donald A. Russell, Katherine Delany, and Marion R. Garstang. For the supervisory committee, Fred W. Ganley, L. A. Wallace, and Florence M. Middelkamp will serve.

It is requested that the members who have not already done so, present their pass books at the credit union office so that the dividend may be entered.



Editorial Staff

Upon receipt of special Farm Credit Club membership fee of 50¢, the Grapevine will be mailed for 1 year to former employees of the FCA. It is sent free to all servicemen.

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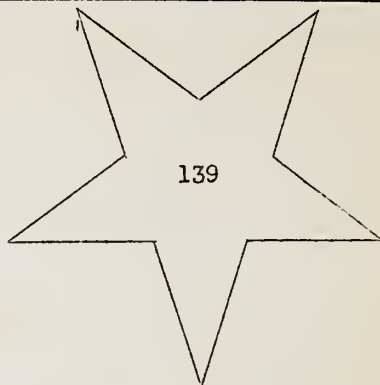
News for next issue of the GRAPEVINE should be in by Friday, February 15.

DOUBLE LOSS TO FCA

In one week Farm Credit Administration lost heavily in the deaths of two of its outstanding men.

Milton R. Hoberecht died suddenly on January 30 at St. Luke's Hospital. For the past 2 years Mr. Hoberecht served as Training Officer for FCA and held the respect and admiration of all who had the privilege of knowing him. His friendly smile and cheerful disposition will long be missed.

J. P. Strong, Deputy Cooperative Bank Commissioner, died on February 4 at Research Hospital following an illness of 10 days. Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D. C. Mr. Strong joined FCA in 1933 and leaves a host of friends made along the way.



Known discharged to date - 91

- SERVICEMEN'S NEWS -

Andrew N. Morrison, S 1/c
USS LCU(LF) 17, C/O Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

Pearl Harbor
1/25/46

Dear Friends:

Thanks for the Christmas card and the Grapevines which are really appreciated. It is very nice to know that a lot of FCA employees are returning from service.

We are supposed to leave here January 30 for San Diego, so I may get to see you again soon. It will be a pleasure to get home and see people I know. Our trip from Eniwetok was very rough and only two ships made the trip without any trouble. The LCI 19 and our ship were the only ones that did not have breakdowns enroute.

I received the news that FCA is to be sent back to Washington, D. C., and am very glad to hear such wonderful news. I know a lot of us want to renew old friendships there.

Thanks again for the cards and the Grapevines.

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NEWS OF OUR RETURNED SERVICE MEN

The personnel of FCA has recently been augmented by a considerable number of those returning from the service. General Files has gained F. Gilbert Lagergren, George T. Cairl, and Ernest G. Thomas. Graphic has Willis S. Vail and Sam Weinberg. Others to return to duty with FCA are: Floyd C. Hobbs, to F & A Tabulating Unit; Ruth Clark, formerly with the WACS, to ECEL; Richard Frowitt, to Planning; Burton R. Scanor, to NEFA Section; J. E. McJenkin, Jr. to Land Bank; Jack Porterfield, and Nigel Graham, to the Mail Section; and Charles Nelson to Examination. We are indeed happy to have these former employees back with us, and take this occasion to extend to them all a warm "Welcome Home!"

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Landon Laird, in his ABOUT TOWN column of the KANSAS CITY TIMES, had this to say recently of one of our ex-servicemen:

"Before Charles O. (Chuck) Nelson, Jr., 3440 Wabash Ave., entered the army, his vocation lay with the Farm Credit Administration, but his avocation was playing the drums. A sergeant who saw 28 months of service in the Pacific, he says nothing much

happened to him except that he was once blown out of a foxhole without injury, and later was snagged by a shell fragment in a leg. His story appears to be an understatement, because he holds the Bronze Star for silencing a Jap machine gun single-handed while evacuating wounded from the battlefield in Luzon.

"Nelson is back in civies and beating the drum at various Kansas City spots. He stoutly maintains thirteen is his lucky number. He was inducted on the thirteenth day of the month from the thirteenth precinct of the thirteenth ward. His only United States furlough started on the thirteenth day of the month, and ran thirteen days. He was released from service on the thirteenth day of the month."

Mr. Laird, however, failed to state that Chuck is back with the Examination Division of FCA.

DONNELLY TOUR PLANNED

Do you want to see the famous Nellie Don dresses designed and made?

A trip through the Donnelly Garment Company has been arranged by the Education Committee for Farm Credit employees on Friday, February 22, at 1:30 p.m. which will cover the entire factory. It will include the departments where the dresses are designed, cut, and sewed. The workers will be busy on summer dresses at that time. The tour of this 10-story plant will take at least an hour.

The Donnelly Garment Company is located at 1828 Walnut and the

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Strictly Personal



Accounts Subdivision. Traveler Peggy Zinn finally spent a weekend in Kansas City....Bert Colombe is a welcome transferee to Audit Unit.... Our sympathy to Helen McCabe on the recent death of her mother....Wanted to know - the name of the sailor who is taking up so much of Donna Beirne's time!...Fans who enjoyed "Oklahoma" at the Music Hall recently included Louise Morgan, Peggy Meunier, and Nora Reynolds.

Administrative Accounts. Mina and Ray Carter weekendend at their home in Pattonsburg, Mo....J. L. Wilkinson is an official business traveler to D. C....Mildred Hamilton departed with her husband, a civilian once again, for her home in Mayfield, Ky., for a week's vacation....Mrs. William Durluo and son, Phillip, left for D. C. on February 1 to take up residence there and await Mr. Durluo's return with FCA....Bill Stevens from Graphic is on detail in Pay Roll Unit'Tis a hard decision for Sarah Schneider to make! As top prize winner in collecting the most money for the Infantile Paralysis Fund she may choose between perfume and nylons"Lucky" Mary Margaret Donnelly is guarding the nylons she won on a punch board, with her very life!.... Olive Russell is on leave partly to recuperate from a recent illness and to visit with her son who is now in Kansas City after spending some time in Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, Calif., following his return to the States....Charles Geiss, who

departed from the ranks of single blessedness at a ceremony on January 22 in Ottawa, Kans., was showered with gifts of aprons, dishmops, hand lotion, can openers, and paper plates by coworkers....Rae Crim spent several days at home on sick leave.... A weekend was spent by Rosella Reiff with friends in Junction City, Kans.

Cooperative. Peggy Lowe's sister, Min, arriving from her home in Kansas to attend the showing of "Oklahoma" was a guest of Peggy....J. Kenneth Ward, secretary and assistant treasurer of the Louisville BC, was a visitor in the office.

Examination. Among the spectators at the basketball games which placed 4 high school teams in a first place tie were V. A. Bixler, L. G. Bartlett, R. H. Gorrell, and H. M. Shields. Their particular attention was centered on George Bartlett, Jr., an outstanding guard for the Southwest team which upset Northeast after 18 successive wins.

Finance Subdivision. The Harry Grays are visiting Mr. Gray's mother in Florida where we know there will be a lot of golfing done....Isabella McGinnis is vacationing for 2 weeks with her family in Topoka....W. F. Patterson traveled to D. C. on a business trip....Alma Franklin entertained over the weekend her sister and brother-in-law who flew here from Hutchinson, Kans....Katharine McNerncy has been exhibiting a beautiful handkerchief made of pina (pineapple) cloth sent her by her brother in Manila....An enjoyable get-together was held on a recent eve at the apartment of May Gregory by May, Helen Thorpe, Helen Brecheisen, Ruth Brecheisen, Virginia Galloway, and former FCA'er Marjorie Wiss....

There has been some comment on the fact that four out of the seven members of the Art Class are "hard-boiled analysts" from the Operating Analysis Section....Helen Thorpe is flashing a new diamond on her left hand....Helen Brecheisen received her call to depart on February 11 for duty in Frankfurt, Germany, on her new job with the War Department. She will cross the Atlantic by air.... Dixie Donelson from Land Bank Division is on detail in W. T. McKeown's office.

General Files. Welcome back to veterans Nadine Jones, Thaddeus Grydyk, and Kenneth Epperson.... Shirley Ellefson is recuperating at her home from a tonsillectomy.... Jerry Williams, receiving a cablegram from her fiancé, Walter Kowalski, saying he was sailing for the USA, took a week off to complete a negligee from a Japanese parachute for her trousseau.... Good luck was wished to two departing members of the division at a party on February 1, Mary Pat Brazzell who is returning to college and Gilbert Lagergren who is transferring to the Veterans Administration.... Sparkling on the third finger, left hand, of Elizabeth Ammon is a brand new diamond.... "Oklahoma" recently at the Music Hall was enjoyed by Eula Collins, Pearl Ferguson, Alvina Preinkert, and Virginia Bradbury.

Governor's Office. Margaret Hicks is hospitalizing following an appendectomy on January 31.

Land Bank. A party at the Hotel Phillips on the eve of February 1 honored Clydine Clabaugh, who departed for Oklahoma and a life of "married bliss".... Louise Bowman weekendened in Wichita, Kans.

Library. Members of the library staff attended a bridal shower given for a former coworker, Juanita Akers Howard, at the home of her aunt, Mrs. C. C. Koenig, 3100 Wabash.... Margaret Fleury of the Kansas City Public Library staff was a recent visitor.... Phoebe Norton enjoyed a visit with her friend, Lloyd Wittenburg, recently returned from duty in the South Pacific.

Mail. Goodbyes were said to another buddy, Al Schmeckel, who departed for Wisconsin to take over a business of his own.... Mary Kidwell has returned from a leave spent vacationing and recuperating from an illness Johnny Theis is welcomed back to the Mail Room following Army duty.

Personnel. Marie Wassenburg has been spending her weekends in Marysville, Kans., with her husband, Ray, who returned to his job there after being discharged from the Army.... Word has reached us that FCA'er George Weinberg has returned from overseas' duty and is now being addressed as "Mr."

Purchase & Supply. Martin Van Cleave is welcomed back into the fold following a period of residence in Pascagoula, Miss.... At Francis Smith's birthday celebration on January 30, we were amazed to see that he didn't have the strength to blow out the six candles on his cake with one breath - it took him four For fresh country eggs, reasonably priced, promptly delivered, see "farmer" Crim.... Seen shopping recently - Torrence Cease buying pink and blue items.

Regional Agricultural Credit. Katherine Pelton's son, Capt. Robert

Pelton, is visiting her following his return from 15 months overseas.... Fred Wallace is traveling to Springfield, Baltimore, and D. C., on a field trip.

Solicitor's Office. Farewells were said to L. J. Gardner who departed from FCA on February 1 to accept a position as executive secretary for the Control Agency for Anti-Hog Cholera....Bruce King has returned from an official business trip to Washington....On the sick list for a few days was A. A. Goldman.

Stenographic. Lula Tavenner sped to Los Angeles for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Shaw, and tiny new granddaughter....Newcomer Gertrude Berlew is welcomed to the section....Ella Nichols entertained week end guests, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Lilley, from Los Angeles....Helen Baughman from the Telephone Office is on detail in our midst.

OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

It has been like old home week here in Washington - what with lots of Kansas City people dropping in - and then it was so good to see many of our former fellow-workers who have been in the service. Art Weatherbee and George Weinbarg look fine and have many interesting stories to tell. Ask George how he rated an air trip back to the States! Carl Bark was in also - in civvies - as peppy as ever. Lt. Comdr. Woolard of the Merchant Marine, formerly of our ECEL Office in Honolulu said he would be in Kansas City next week. Then John Francis dropped in from Chicago, saying he would like to be back in Washington to stay!

We are happy to state that all of us are now settled in our new locations in South Building, but how long this will last no one can predict.

Giff Hoag tells us that R. C. Dorsey has suffered a set-back and is in Walter Reed with the flu and for resetting of the bone in his leg.

Post Date-line Item:

DID YOU HEAR A ROOSTER CROW?

Did you hear a rooster crow? Well, he had something to crow about. Hadn't he been invited to the Fact Finding Conference conducted by the American Institute of Poultry in the Municipal Auditorium on Monday and Tuesday, February 11 and 12?

Poultry raisers came from all over the United States to view displays and to exchange opinions between speeches. One of the principal speakers was a member of Agriculture's family, Hobart Creighton, Chief of the Poultry Branch of Production and Marketing Administration.

Machinery for washing, drying, and packaging eggs was exhibited. However, by far the most interest was centered around the crossed breed poultry display of a Kansas professor whose rare Barred Rock chicken, the result of a cross of a white Plymouth Rock rooster with a Rhode Island Red hen, was enthusiastically admired. Is it any wonder the white rooster crowed? - ACB

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Don't forget the Valentine dance
- Friday, the 15th!

- HOME SERVICE NEWS -

During the Infantile Paralysis campaign Farm Credit Administration employees handed their contact committeemen 257 March of Dimes cards totaling \$367.35. In addition to that amount FCA girls collected \$286.33 before performances and during intermissions of the Fritschy, Kansas City Philharmonic, and Town Hall concerts. They also helped in the daily collections at the Midland Theater and in downtown restaurants.

In expressing his thanks for Farm Credit's participation in the campaign, Mr. James J. Rick, Chairman of the Jackson County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc., wrote "You and your associates always give us 100% cooperation and it has been one of the bright spots in our work. Please extend to the members of Farm Credit Club my personal appreciation of the wonderful cooperation you have always given."

KNITTING CLASS

Anyone interested in the knitting instructions class which meet on Monday at 12:00 and Wednesday at 12:30 in Room 1345-E is invited to attend and bring yarn, needles, and pattern book, if possible. For further information contact Eileen Fascher.

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ART FOR ART'S SAKE

If you happen down the 1000 lane on first floor stop in rooms 1005 and 1011 to view the goodly display of sketches. All these drawings are the tangible results of Tuesday evenings' work in 1345-E by the Farm Credit Club's artists. Headed by Tom Fritchard, the members of the group have been meeting every Tuesday evening since early last fall.

All the subjects are Farm Credit employees. But as one of the members recently remarked when the subject took a peak at her sketch: "Don't expect to see what you see in the mirror." Artists' conceptions seem to differ.

Anyone interested in sketching is invited to join the group. Just drop around to 1345-E at 6:30 p.m. on any Tuesday evening.

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OFFICE HOURS OF CREDIT UNION

The office of the Credit Union in room 1254 is open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on payday (alternate Thursdays) and the Friday following, and from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and alternate Fridays. As the credit committee meets each week on Thursday, members should file loan applications in room 1254 by 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

This schedule of hours has been devised to permit distribution of loan checks on Friday morning. Members are, therefore, requested to anticipate their weekend loan requirements by Wednesday in order to give the credit committee, the treasurer, and the assistant treasurer sufficient time to consider the application and process the loan.

Club Room Notes



New books recently received in the club library include:

THE TURQUOISE by Anya Seton
WARD 20 by James Warner Bellah
THE ZEBRA DERBY by Max Schulman
THE PAVILION by Hilda Lawrence
THE DOUBLE TAKE by Roy Huggins
THE FIFTH MAN by Manning Coles
ARCH OF TRIUMPH by Erich Remarque
BEFORE THE SUN GOES DOWN by

Elizabeth M. Howard

THE GHOST OF MRS. MUIR by R. A. Dick
THE STARS INCLINE by Clyde Brion

Davis

MURDER WITHIN MURDER by Frances &
Richard Lockridge

THE FOXES OF HARROW by Frank Yerby

BEST SELLERS OF 1945

Here are the top 10 fiction and general books for 1945, as compiled by the Publishers' Weekly. How many of them have you read?

FICTION

FOREVER AMBER by Kathleen Winsor
THE ROBE by Lloyd C. Douglas
THE BLACK ROSE by Thomas B. Costain
THE WHITE TOWER by James Ramsey

Ullman

CASS TIMBERLANE by Sinclair Lewis
A LION IS IN THE STREETS by Adria

Locks Langley

SO WELL REMEMBERED by James Hilton
CAPTAIN FROM CASTILE by Samuel

Shellabarger

EARTH AND HIGH HEAVEN by Gwethalyn
Graham

IMMORTAL WIFE by Irving Stone

NONFICTION

BRAVE MEN by Ernie Pyle
DEAR SIR by Juliet Lowell
UP FRONT by Bill Mauldin
BLACK BOY by Richard Wright
TRY AND STOP ME by Bennett Gerf
ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN by George and
Helen Papashvily
GENERAL MARSHALL'S REPORT
THE EGG AND I by Betty MacDonald
THE THURBER CARNIVAL by James Thurber
PLEASANT VALLEY by Louis Bromfield

READ A BOOK OVER THE WEEKEND

Do you know that for 2 cents you can borrow from Friday to Monday any one of 600 books in the club's circulating library? The collection includes many classics of world literature, as well as the latest best sellers, both fiction and general. If the book you want happens to be out, ask the librarian to reserve it for you.

AUDUBON SCREEN TOURS

The Burroughs Nature Club in cooperation with the National Audubon Society will sponsor three illustrated lectures during the spring of 1946 as follows:

Feb. 15 "Happy Valley": Tom
and Arlene Hadley,
Friday Detroit, Michigan

March 28 "From Seashore to
Glacier": Edna
Thursday Maslowski, Cincinnati,
Ohio

April 29 "Outdoor Symphony":
Monday Bert Harwell,
Berkeley, California

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Sportlight



FCA MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE January 31, 1946

Standings	Won	Lost	Pins
Accounts	34	23	38,798
Reports	32	25	41,444
Examination	31	26	42,946
Harvesters	31	26	42,514
Graphic	29	28	42,606
Field Acctg.	25	32	41,225
Short-Term	24	33	40,929
Bankers	22	35	38,462

ACTUAL			
HIG	Olson		248
HIS	Dahill		634
HTG	Field Acctg.		924
HTS	Examination		2,474

HANDICAP			
HTG	Field Acctg.		924
HTS	Examination		2,474

BIG THREE

Dahill	175-47
Prewitt	169-9
Hoin	164-7

ACCOUNTS dropped two to HARVESTERS, winning the first by one pin and losing the second by 4, then completely folding in the third. Porterfield with a 186-438 proved the deciding factor although Dahill topped him with 183-537. ACCOUNT'S scores will not bear mention.

REPORTS won the first and third from SHORT-TERM, hit the groove with Batten

throwing a 157, Weinberg a 176, and Frazee a 191. Hoin's 188-491 was high for REPORTS, with Jacomet's 161-463 second.

EXAMINATION took the first two from GRAPHIC easily but stumbled in the third when GRAPHIC found its spot. Prewitt's 193-531 was high for GRAPHIC with Olson's 185-523 and Bartlett's 208-507 leading the EXAMINERS.

After dropping the first to FIELD ACCOUNTING, the last-place but up and coming BANKERS took the last two with Brownell's 171-479 leading the way. Van Leer's 179-451 was tops for the losers.

FCA WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE TEAM STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost	Pinfall
Legal	42	18	36,561
Purchase	32	28	34,512
Reports	31	29	34,948
Personnel	30	30	35,311
Fin. & Accts.	29	31	35,350
Audit	28	32	33,986
Prod. Credit	26	34	32,864
Graphic	22	38	33,762

RECORDS

HTG Reports	740	HIG Carter	201
HIS Reports	2,021	HIS Palmer	
		HIS Palmer	522

AVERAGES

Palmer	137	Terry	135	Meuers, Y.	130
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We'll see you at the Valentine
Dance - won't we?

DEEP STUFF

A lot of deep thinking goes on in the club room on Monday evenings as evidenced about midnight by ash trays full of cigarette stubs, chairs awry, and scratch pads with "doodling" marks all over them. That's the evening when the four tables of bridge "experts" sharpen up their wits and get together to continue the second bridge tournament. The tournament, which began on January 14, is now entering its fifth week and all are still friends.

Donald Moore plays with seriousness, which probably accounts for the high score of 17,620 placing him presently at the top. Louise Pressgrove, playing in her sparkling fashion comes a close second with 17,550; while Julia Connor, always somewhere near the top, is third with a score of 16,910. But one never knows whose name may skyrocket up overnight what with Marie Fuhr substituting and raising bids from 1 to 6 with a suddenness that startles; or with outstanding plays being made by some heretofore "unrenowned" player. Lucille Cramer and George Hinde, playing at the same table, find a lot of amusement in each other's plays, and George, discovering himself in eleventh place, says characteristically "Starting at the top and going down gives one a chance to meet a lot of people."

Everybody contributed a dollar when the tournament began, and when it ends sometime in March there will be \$16 in prizes awarded to the winners, as well as congratulations from those who fell by the wayside but had fun doing so. Regular players include Donald Moore, Louise Pressgrove, Julia Connor, Wolcott

Stanton, Pearl Ferguson, Alice Snuffer, Ellis Batten, Hoyt Elkins, Marjorie Hinds, Lucille Cramer, George Hinde, Alvina Preinkert, Hester Waters, Earl Tonn, Blanche Stone, and Evelyn Gibson, in charge.
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AUDUBON SCREEN TOURS (Continued from page 8)

All lectures are free and open to the public. Time: 8 p.m. Place: Edison Hall of the Kansas City Power and Light Building, 13th and Baltimore.

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ART LECTURE FEBRUARY 13

Henry Sayles Francis, assistant director of the Cleveland Museum of Art, will lecture on "American Painting Today" on February 13 at the Nelson Gallery at 8 p.m. Admission is \$1.20 and tickets may be purchased at the Nelson Gallery or the Kansas City Art Institute.

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DONNELLY TOUR PLANNED (Continued from page 3)

FCA group will meet there promptly at 1:30 p.m. on February 22,

If you are interested in taking this tour please advise Clarice Andrews, Room 2330A.

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A wise man makes more opportunities than he finds.
- Bacon